

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The A sliding tarp assembly of claim 1~~
comprising:

a sheet of material; and

a plurality of sliding members coupled to and protruding from the lower face of said sheet of material, said sliding members being spaced from each other to form a grid of said sliding members;

wherein each of said sliding members has a convex outer surface for facilitating sliding of said sliding members on the support surface;

wherein said plurality of sliding members includes a first set of sliding members and a second set of sliding members, each sliding member of said first set of sliding members being larger than each sliding member of said second set of sliding members;

wherein said first set of sliding members are positioned in a central portion of said face of said sheet of material;

wherein said second set of sliding members are positioned on outer portions of said lower face of said sheet of material such that the sliding members of said second set surround the sliding members of said first set;

a plurality of straps coupled to said sheet of material for facilitating securing of said sheet of material around an item positioned on said sheet of material;

wherein each of said plurality of straps is coupled to a perimeter edge of said sheet of material;

wherein said sheet of material has a plurality of cutout portions, said cutout portions being positioned proximate to a perimeter edge of said sheet

of material for forming a plurality of handles to facilitate manipulation of said sheet of material;

said sheet of material comprising a plurality of handles for being gripped by the user facilitating manipulation of said sheet of material;

wherein said handles are integrally formed in said sheet of material by a plurality of cutouts in said sheet of material;

wherein each of said sliding members has a coating for reducing friction between said sliding members and the support surface;

wherein said coating is tetrafluoroethylene;

wherein the sheet of material has a front edge and a rear edge, the sheet of material having a pair of side edges extending between the front and rear edges,

wherein a row of a plurality of the spaced sliding members is positioned between the front and rear edges and a row of a plurality of the spaced sliding members is positioned between the side edges;

wherein ~~each~~ at least two of the sliding members ~~has~~ have a perimeter formed of approximately four segments, each of the segments of the perimeter being arcuate; and

wherein ~~each~~ said at least two of the sliding members ~~has~~ have four corner junctures where adjacent ones of the arcuate segments meet.